

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1280

By Burks

A RESOLUTION designating June 2010 as "Dairy Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly recognize the importance of the dairy industry to the economy of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Body also wish to recognize the hard work and dedication of this State's dairy farmers and dairy workers, honor them for their contributions to the citizens of Tennessee, and highlight the importance of dairy foods in our dietary plans; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Dairy Association, the dairy industry accounts for an annual economic impact of \$606 million in this State; Tennessee's 67,000 head of dairy cattle produced more than one billion pounds of milk in 2006: a portion of that product was used to manufacture a number of dairy foods, including butter, yogurt, cheese, and whey products, and most of the remainder was pasteurized and sold for consumption; and

WHEREAS, the proper introduction of dairy foods into a person's diet can reduce the risk of certain diseases, including osteoporosis, hypertension, obesity, and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, milk was designated in early 2009 as Tennessee's official state beverage by SB 912 (HB 512); and

WHEREAS, Dairy Month offers an opportunity to honor both farm families and the food processors who provide consumers with a wide variety of fresh, wholesome dairy products, which provide essential nutrients to growing bodies and are a vital part of a healthy diet; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud of its dairy industry and the important contribution it makes to our economy and the welfare of our citizens. We salute dairy farmers and their families for the strength and vitality they bring to rural communities throughout the State and

applaud their commitment to using the most modern technology for maximum efficiency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate June 2010 as "Dairy Month" in Tennessee and urge all citizens to observe this occasion by enjoying fresh, wholesome dairy products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.